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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.114

On January 6, 2004, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time to appeal the final rejection dated July 8, 2003. Applicants hereby elect to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner by filing the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE). 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d). Accordingly, Applicant submits this Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 intended to be fully responsive to the final rejection dated July 8, 2003. 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c). Applicants also submit an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner concurrently herewith.

A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed with this Response. If additionally time is needed, Applicants hereby petition for the extended time period. Should an additional fee be due, please charge Deposit Account Number 23-0455.

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In view of the following, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.